

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman; and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 14
(MC2013-58)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-79

Public Representative Comments on

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING AMENDMENT TO
PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS & PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 14
(March 7, 2014)

I. SUMMARY

On February 26, 2014, the Postal Service filed notice that it had agreed to an amendment to the existing Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 14 subject to the Commission's approval.¹ The Postal Service stated that it is revising its pricing for some of the customer's Priority Mail contract packages. Implementation of the Contract 14 update will be effective one business day following the day on which the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approval. Notice, Attachment A at 1

On February 27, 2014, the Commission filed Order No. 2003² appointing the undersigned as Public Representative. The Public Representative observes that the

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Change in Prices Pursuant to Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 14, February 26, 2014 (Notice).

² Notice and Order Concerning Amendment to Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 14, February 27, 2014 (Amendment).

Amendment appears to benefit the Postal Service, the contract partner and the general public.

II. DISCUSSION

The Postal Service entered into the original shipping services contract regarding Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Contract 14 on August 2013.³ During that review, the Public Representative (PR) commented that data for subsequent years had not been provided. The PR was concerned about Contract 14's cost coverage for future years. The PR finds it reassuring that the Postal Service is cognizant that Contract 14 must continue to cover its costs and provide a reasonable contribution to the Postal Service's institutional costs. In the current CP2013-79 docket, the Parties to the contract, request that Section I.F. of the Contract be amended. The Postal Service states that all other provisions of the Contract are to remain in effect.

III. CONCLUSION

After accessing and reviewing all public and nonpublic documentation filed in this docket, the Public Representative believes that the Postal Service's Amendment appears to comport with the provisions of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR 3015.5, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B.

The contract appears to be beneficial to the Postal Service, the contract partner and the general public.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the preceding Comments for the Commission's consideration.

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³ Notice, Amendment at 1.

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